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1. The Russian authorities have recently granted permission for the sulphuric acid plant at Wolfen to be reconstructed up to its former capacity of 180,000 tons per annum. It is estimated that the reconstruction of this factory should be completed by the end of 1950.
2. The production of sulphuric acid at Wolfen started early in July 1949 and the total production for the period July to September 1949 was approximately 8,000 tons. During the period October to December 1949 monthly production of sulphuric acid is expected to be 3,000 tons (sic). As reconstruction progresses, the rate of production is expected gradually to increase.
3. The sulphuric acid plant at Coswig (Anhalt) will be brought up to the maximum annual production of 36,000 tons. At present, the plant is producing at least a thousand tons per month. At the moment no noticeable shortage of sulphuric acid in the Eastern Zone of Germany is reported.
4. A bottleneck exists in the manufacture of vertical shafts, and attempts are being made to import suitable material for their manufacture from Czechoslovakia. In the meantime, substitute materials have to be used which has increased the cost of maintaining and repairing these shafts to six times the maintenance cost in 1939.

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